Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following headings and paragraph on page 1, before line 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/706,666 filed Nov. 6, 2000 for PROTECTION OF A SURFACE BY PARTIALLY SUBJECTING IT TO AN ELECTROCHEMICAL TREATMENT.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 and 4 as follows:

The invention relates to a method ~~as described in the introductory part of claim 1, and to~~ of forming a wear and scratch resistant protective layer on a surface, and to an object ~~as described in the introductory part of claim 8~~ having an at least partly electroconductive support having a surface provided with a protective layer, this surface including at least a first surface area whose protective layer is an electrochemically formed outer layer, and a second surface surface area, the first and second surface areas being distinguishable by virtue of the fact that they differ from each other in at at least one visual property.

Please insert the following heading at page 2, line 21:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 25-27 as follows:

In accordance with the invention, this object is achieved by using a method ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ in which a sol-gel layer is provided as the mask layer, and forms the second surface area of the protective layer. Such a method can be advantageously used to obtain an object ~~as claimed in~~

~~claim 8~~ in which the player in the first surface area is a wear and scratch resistant layer free from sol-gel lacquer, the the protective layer in the second surface area is a wear and scratch resistant sol-gel lacquer layer which is free from additional protective layers.

Please insert the following heading at page 3, line 14:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please insert the following heading at page 3, line 19:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 29-31 as follows:

Subsequently, the polished surface is lacquered (step 8) using a sol-gel, after which a matt state [[8]] is obtained in this example which is illustrated by the housing part 10 of the shaver head. It is alternatively possible to apply a glossy sol-gel lacquer.

Replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 5-6 as follows:

The sol-gel layer can be obtained by applying a sol-gel substance directly onto the ~~support~~ housing part 7 which functions as a support and converting said sol-gel substance to the polymeric material.

Replace the paragraph at page 4, line 31 to page 5, line 7 as follows:

Subsequently, the housing part of the shaver head is subjected to an electrochemical treatment which, in accordance with this example, consists of an anodizing treatment 14, which is preferably rounded off with a sealing treatment, in which anodizing treatment only the bright aluminium surface in the first areas 2 is anodized and a state 15 is obtained wherein a surface area 1 of the housing part 16 of the shaver head is matt and the previously bright aluminium surface areas 2 are anodized. The rest of the surface area 1 of the housing part of the shaver head is masked by

the sol-gel layer and, consequently, remains untreated. In this example, the first areas 2 are anodized so as to be bright. The two types of surface areas 1, 2 may differ from each other as regards brightness as well as shade and color. From the preceding description it is clear that the second surface area 1 is free from additional protective layers and that at least a portion of the sol-gel lacquer layer directly adjoins at least a portion of the first surface area 2. The proposed method is now complete if two types of visually different surface areas are sufficient.

Replace the paragraph at page 6, line 27 as follows:

partially ~~remoral~~ removed sol-gel

Replace the paragraph at page 6, line 28 as follows:

~~soll-gel~~ sol-gel + uncoated aluminium

Replace the paragraph at page 6, line 31 as follows:

~~laserengraving~~ laser engraving

Replace the paragraph at page 6, line 32 as follows:

~~Solgèl~~ sol-gel + anodized layer I + uncoated aluminium

Replace the paragraph at page 6, line 34 as follows:

~~Sol-gel~~ sol-gel + anodized layer [[+/-]] I + anodized layer II